A list of the 10 casualties is given below:—

List of Casualties

Sl. No.	No.	Rank	Name	Date of death
1.	JC-192485	Sub	Ganga Ram	22 Aug 94
2.	454693P	Hav	Ashok Kumar Singh	-do-
3.	4552147M	L Nk	Birpal Singh	-do-
4.	7430798W	Sep	Ram Lal Patel	-do-
5.	4556926M	Sep	Ram Pal Gupta	-do-
6.	4562409L	Sep	Devinder Chand	-do-
7.	4552722H	L Nk	Saudagar Singh	-do-
320 Fd. Ambulance				
8.	MR-04358W	Lt Col	CR Panda	31 Aug 94
9.	MR-04769P	Major	SP Dutta	-do-
10.	NTR-16419P	Major	Kishan Lal	-do-

Non-utilisation of additional Ordnance facilities

2654. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the 'Rajasthan Patrika' of the 24th October, 1994, additional Ordnance facilities created at a cost of millions of rupees are lying unused due to inordinate delay in the proposed transfer of technology for manufacture of ammunication of the 155 mm field gun following the ban imposed on AB Bofors; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating, the extent of delay suffered and the steps taken to make optimum use of the facilities and of technology transfer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No additional facilities created have remained unutilised. Indigenous manufacture of 155 mm ammunition has already been commenced.

Aeronautical Policy note

2655. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Aeronautical Policy Note prepared to face with rising demand in the Civil Sector and massive fleet renewal in the military sector is under Government's consideration; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the draft Aeronautical Policy note and the decision, if any taken/likely to be taken by Government thereon stating the cost in the civil sector as well as in the military sector separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A non-government professional body, the Aeronautical Society of India had prepared, on their own initiative, a paper on 'National Aeronautics Policy' covering requirements of civil as well as military sectors and had submitted a copy of the same to the Government.

(b) The policy paper submitted by the Society suggests that strengths of civil and

military aviation sectors in the country should be integrated to bring a synergism in the aviation sector. The Society has recommended setting up of Aeronautics Commission for planning and co-ordinating the total aviation activity in the country.

Production of Defence production unit Saintala

2656. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production performance of the Defence production unit at Saintala in Orissa;

(b) the employment generated by that Defence production unit;

(c) to what extent local people have been given employment in that unit; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The factory is at the stage of establishment.

(b) to (d) The present manpower strength is 991. Of the 929 non-gazetted personnel, 879 have been recruited through the local district employment exchange.

Funds for modernisation of Army

2657. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Army needs funds for modernisation" as reported in the 'Statesman' dated the 7th February, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the Chief of the Army Staff asked for resources for the modernisation of Indian Army and its weapons, etc.;

(c) if so, whether in view of the constant threat from the neighbouring countries Government propose to take serious steps to update the Indian Army; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Having regard to the perceived threat and the available options for meeting such threat, the Army is continually modernised and the needed funds are provided for such modernisation, within the resources constraints of the Govt.

Non-utilisation of machinery of BEML

2658. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Earth Movers Limited is lying idle for want of orders for the manufacture of coaches for the railways;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for decline in the orders for the manufacture of railway coaches;

(c) what is the estimated loss suffered by the Bharat Earth Movers Limited as a result thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government for alternative utilisation of the machinery lying idle at the BEML to minimise the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) has been making about 400 rail coaches per annum, though its manufacturing capacity is higher. Of late, the flow of orders from the Railways has declined, due to inadequacy of funds, non-materialisation of the projected passenger traffic and the preference given by the Railways to their own two coach production units. For 1993-94, and 1994-95 Railways placed orders on BEML for 250 and 150 rail coaches respectively and, in addition, 18 DC EMU coaches for 1994-95. These